

Remarks

Claims 1-5, 7-21 and 24-31 are pending in the application. Claims 1-5, 7-21 and 26-31 are allowed. The Applicant's representative thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowed subject matter. Claims 24 and 25 remain rejected.

Claims 24 and 25 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Kopser et al. (US 6,629,250) ("Kopser"). The Applicant respectfully traverses. Kopser does not disclose delayed sampling of received signals of a receiver interface as recited in claims 24 and 25.


Instead, what Kopser shows is *delayed data*. This can be seen, for example, by the disclosure at col. 6, lines 12-24: "Accordingly, when the data pulse D1 arrives, the master latch 20 has been disabled and the data remains at the input but is not transmitted to the output ... Since the data provided from the master latch has not changed, the data present at the slave latch 22 is *delayed data* ... , the data that was previously present at the master latch instead of the new data" (emphasis added). Thus, Kopser is not sampling a signal according a programmable delay as claimed, but delaying the signal itself. Accordingly, claims 24 and 25 are allowable over Kopser. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 24 and 25 is therefore respectfully requested.

In light of the above discussion, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in all aspects in allowable condition, and earnestly solicits favorable reconsideration and early issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4323 to discuss any matter concerning this application. The Office is authorized to charge any fees related to this communication to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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